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SOVIET UNION

2. Soviet Union may have new-type bomber:

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On 30 July, [redacted] observed on a field near Moscow a plane with a fuselage and tail section resembling those of the B-47 jet medium bomber. [redacted]

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[redacted] show the plane to be half again as large as a nearby TU-4 conventional medium bomber. The plane may have had swept-back wings.

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The engine type could not be determined, but a swept-wing aircraft could be expected to be jet-propelled.

Comment: If the suggested jet-type propulsion is substantiated, this would be the first evidence that the USSR has constructed a prototype jet which is at least a large medium and possibly a heavy bomber.

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Other information has already indicated that a smaller jet medium bomber, designed by German scientists, has been flight-tested in the USSR and may be intended for serial production.

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WESTERN EUROPE

4. French official doubts if his government seeks victory in Indochina:



Despite the French policy announced on 3 July, there appears to be no real intention to accompany liberal political concessions with effective measures to win the war in Indochina, according to the French political adviser to the

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Vietnam government. From talks with Deputy Premier Reynaud, Foreign Minister Bidault, and others, he got the impression that the French government hopes for sufficient victories to enable it to make some sort of deal with the Chinese Communists or the Viet Minh.

Comment: The French have long hoped to eliminate Chinese Communist aid to the Viet Minh through negotiations. The French government denies any intention to negotiate with the Viet Minh.

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